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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. Stoyanov et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE121925/25324
Application No.: 10/815,143 Art Unit: 1731 / Confirmation No.: 8224
Filed: March 31, 2004 Examiner: D.R. Cordray
Title: BLEACHED POLYACRYLIC ACID
CROSSLINKED CELLULOSIC FIBERS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 3, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Additional Documents Transmitted

Further transmitted herewith is the Declaration of Kathy A. Welch Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

C. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 1, 2005, set to expire on March 1, 2006, be extended by 1 month, to expire on April 1, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$120.

D. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 169352 in the amount of \$120 to cover the required fee for the request for extension of time.

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E. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: March 3, 2006

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed December 1, 2006, please enter the following remarks.

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